



Ilse Kramer Holliday

February 21, 1925 - September 25, 2017

Ilse Kramer Holliday, 92, of Travelers Rest, SC, passed away on September 25, 2017 at home after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Dr. John H. Holliday. She was born in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, on February 21, 1925, to Friedrich and Mathilde Spachholz Kramer. She was predeceased by her parents and her older brother, Karlheinz Kramer, also of Germany. She met her husband in Germany in 1945 during the American occupation. In 1947, she left her family and came to America to join her future husband in Charleston, SC, where he was completing his medical degree at the Medical University of South Carolina. They were married on Thanksgiving Day in 1947 – six days after she arrived in the United States. In 1951, she and Dr. Holliday moved to Travelers Rest where he began his medical practice.

She was the consummate wife and mother – the eternal volunteer for all of her children's activities. She made her home welcoming so that it was the gathering place for her children and their friends.

Mrs. Holliday was an active member of her church and community. She was a communicant and a Vestry Member at St James Episcopal Church. She was a member and Past President of the Travelers Rest Garden Club and the Travelers Rest Study Club. For 20 years, she was a Volunteer at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

She and her husband loved travel and traveled extensively throughout the world visiting all of the 50 states, much of Canada and Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean and South and Central America. They loved hiking and canoeing and were active with the Greenville Natural History Association for many years. They canoed many rivers throughout the US until their 80s. They enjoyed bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs throughout their lives.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Mrs. Holliday is survived by a sister, Elfriede Kriege, of Mannheim, Germany, and by three sons and a daughter, Bob (Judy) Holliday, Carol Holliday, Mike (Dondi) Holliday, and Danny (Maryellen) Holliday, as well as grandchildren, Holly (Chuck) Smith, Erin (Ben) Banonis, , Kelly Holliday, Lindsay (Rob) Renner, Andrew (Valerie) Holliday, and Patrick Holliday and great-grandchildren, Ashtin Smith, Summer Smith, , Hunter Banonis, Hailey Banonis, and

Quinn Renner.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers who lovingly devoted themselves to Mrs. Holliday throughout the last years of her illness.

Funeral Services will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at St. James Episcopal Church. Burial will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 7 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. at The Howze Mortuary and again from 9:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. at the church prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the Furman University Endowment Fund, C/O Furman University Development Office, 3300 Poinsett Hwy. Greenville, SC 29613.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Visitation

SEP **29.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

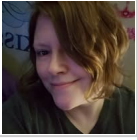
St. James Episcopal Church
301 Piney Mountain Rd.
Greenville, SC 29609

Church Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Holliday was a joy to be around. She always made me smile. I was honored to have been in her presence in these last few years. All my love to the family.*

Melissa Rogers - September 29, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ilse Kramer Holliday.*



September 28, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Carol, may your heart find peace and comfort upon the death of you mother. You were a wonderful and devoted daughter. Love from your friends, Sharon and Don Lindsey*

Sharon Lindsey - September 28, 2017 at 08:22 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ilse Kramer Holliday.*



September 27, 2017 at 08:18 PM



“ *Such fond memories of Ilse and John. Good friends and hiking companions of my mother with whom they shared many adventures!
May she rest in peace after a long good life.
Sincere condolences to her family and many friends.
Mary Brockman Collins*

Mary Collins - September 26, 2017 at 10:19 PM

VG

“ Loved your mother when she was a volunteer at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Vicki Grice

Vicki Grice - September 26, 2017 at 06:47 PM

BD

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers - Jewel and Butch Dockery and family

butch dockery - September 25, 2017 at 02:28 PM

KC

Danny we just learned of your mother's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Ken and Joan Cothran - October 01, 2017 at 06:08 PM